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14 September 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

SUBJECT : Indoctrination of Instructors' Wives

I. With reference to our conversation of 8 September concerning the suggestion of bringing the wives of Instructors closer to our work, and developing a closer-knit team, I would like to present the following:

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- a. At the present time, although the wives of the Training Staff have been Security-briefed and are witting as to the sponsorship of our operation, the wives feel left out. This is not merely a question of curiosity. In the interests of morale and development of the finest possible staff, I have made it a point to keep track of as many facets as possible responsible for "esprit" and singleness of purpose. As you well know, we have a group of Instructors devoted to their profession. This, plus the demands of our mission, calls for considerable extra-hour work and frequent absences from the home. This constant demand has occasioned a number of the wives to unburden themselves on me and upon [ ] I think I can best sum it up by quoting one wife's words. She said, "I realize that my husband is intrigued by his work and completely submerged in it, but when he comes home, it is as though he had walked through a door closing it behind him. I cannot feel that I am part of his daily life. I am not asking to be told anything secret, but I would feel closer to him and his life if I knew what sort of an organization he works for and what it stands for."

The above I believe is a point which can be developed and will result in making a man, through his wife, welded more closely and completely to our service.

- b. As a solution to the above I suggest that we can do the job in the following manner:
- 1) Obtain approval of Security to carry out an indoctrination program for wives
  - 2) Ascertain that wives have a Secret clearance
  - 3) Hold a minimum of three sessions for the presentation. I suggest at least three sessions in order that we not create the impression that we are giving something unimportant which can be told in 30 minutes.
  - 4) Recommend that [ ] deliver the material as he is eminently qualified and makes an excellent presentation.
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- II. The material for the suggested presentation could come mainly from overt sources. For example, Public Law #253; newspaper article from Washington Star on Sunday in August; Saturday Evening Post article, "They Fight the Cold War in Silence," plus any material approved by Security.

In addition, I think it should be emphasized to the wives that they, too, are part of the team; that their husbands are performing a job of importance to the national security. We can improve our security also, in this program by explaining to the wives that their cooperation is needed in maintenance of the cover of their husbands; that they in keeping security are not only safeguarding the interests of the United States Government, but in so doing may even protect their husbands. With such education a wife or wives will better be prepared to assist the husband in answering queries from outsiders and in explaining TDY absence from usual surroundings. Mainly, we can develop an atmosphere of understanding and cooperation which will aid in developing the best damn team anywhere.

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